



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 911***

LCO No. 3271

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING VOTERS WHO CHANGE PARTY AFFILIATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-59 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 Any elector whose name appears on any enrollment list or who has  
4 made application for enrollment may, at any time, make a written  
5 application, on an application form for admission as an elector, which  
6 shall be signed by such elector, to either registrar for erasure of his  
7 name from such list or for transfer of his name to the enrollment list of  
8 another party. If an elector makes an application for erasure, his name  
9 shall be erased from said enrollment list and, if a municipality is  
10 having a primary in which unaffiliated electors are authorized to vote,  
11 under section 9-431, such elector's name shall be placed on the list of  
12 unaffiliated electors together with the date he is eligible to vote in a  
13 primary. If an elector makes an application for transfer, his name shall  
14 be transferred to the enrollment list of another party, together with the  
15 effective date of such transfer. Any elector whose name has been

16 transferred from one enrollment list to another or who has applied for  
 17 erasure or transfer of his name from an enrollment list shall not be  
 18 entitled to participate or vote in a caucus or primary of [any] the party  
 19 to which transfer was made or applied for, participate in the  
 20 appointment of members to any board or commission that is political  
 21 in nature, be appointed as a member of any board or commission that  
 22 is political in nature or be entitled to the privileges accompanying  
 23 enrollment in [any] the party to which transfer was made or applied  
 24 for, for a period of [three months] one month from the date of the filing  
 25 of his application for transfer or for erasure. Any elector who removes  
 26 his name from the registry list and from an enrollment list in  
 27 accordance with the provisions of section 9-35b shall not be entitled to  
 28 enroll in any political party or vote in any primary for three months  
 29 after such removal. The registrars of voters shall state, on the notice of  
 30 acceptance sent under sections 9-23g, 9-19b and 9-19e, the date  
 31 enrollment privileges for the party of transfer shall take effect, if  
 32 delayed.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-59

**Statement of Purpose:**

To shorten the time period for the vesting of privileges accompanying enrollment when an elector switches party affiliation.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*